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## [Despatch Abstract.]

Forests -

Leases - Cardamom - Cultivation - Kollegal Division - Mr. R.C. Morris - Relinquishment of some area - reduction of rental - Orders passed.

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Forests - lease - Cardamom cultivation - Kollegal Division - Mr. R.C. Morris of Honnametti Estate - reduction of assessment - proposal.

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Ref: No. 3847/33.

*Station* Coimbatore., *Dated the* 26th March 1934. 192

*From* (Name) G.W. Wells, Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Coimbatore.

*To* The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Development Department

Madras.

Sir,

(D)

With reference to G.O. No. 1827, Dev. Dept., dated 22nd December 1931, an extent of 184 acres of land in the Doddasampagai reserve was leased out to Mr. R.C. Morris, Esq., of Honnametti Estate for cardamom cultivation for a period of 25 years in this office R.Dis. No. 243/32 dated 14th April 1932. Mr. Morris now requests that

(R)

(1) he may be permitted to relinquish the portions that have proved to be useless (shaded in pencil in the sketch enclosed)

(2) he may be allowed to retain the rest of the area (shaded in ink and unshaded portions marked as planted in the sketch) at an annual rental of Re.1/- per acre, until such time as

(a)

(a) the upper portion proves to be a success or not and (b) the lower portion is shaded by him sufficiently to permit of the cultivation of cardamoms. A copy of his letter dated 26th December is submitted.

2. The District Forest Officer, Kollegal, reports that the reduction of rent, if given effect to will be a variation from the terms of the lease and that any reduction in rate in one instance is bound to be followed by applications from others.

3. The District Forest Officer, Kollegal, objects to the relinquishment of the portion shaded in pencil in the middle of the ink-shaded portion in the sketch on the ground that it will be difficult and costlier to isolate it. He has no objection to the relinquishment of the other portion shaded in pencil in the west, subject to the condition that the cost of survey and demarcation should be borne by Mr. R.C. Morris. I agree with him.

4. I request orders whether any reduction in rent can be made.

V.S. Jammalamadaka 27.3.34
for Collector.

I.N.L/27-3-34.P.

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Enc. 1 sketch.
Copy of letter of Mr. R.C. Morris dated 26-12-33.

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Endt no 6006 I/34 Dt 7.4.34

Referred to the C.F. for remarks.

M.L. Henderson 7/4
Secy to Govt

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests

DR 5.4.34
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Copy of letter dated 26th December 1933 from R.C. Morris, Esq., Honnamettl Estate, Attikan P.O., to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Forests - lease - land for cardamom cultivation - Kollegal Taluk - Rent - reduction - proposal.

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I am in receipt of your letter Ref: No. 3847/33-B.3 dated 31st October 1933, and your subsequent reminders.

I very much regret not complying with your request in the matter of a sketch of the area so far opened out for cardamom cultivation previously, but this is due to the fact that I only returned to my Estate from leave a few days ago.

I have now been over the cadamoms area and find it difficult to show on a sketch correctly the areas planted, unplanted, and of the latter the parts still suitable for planting up with cardamoms. Patch of cardamoms in this area have been planted here and there and it will be difficult to locate the areas on a K sketch or compute their acreag

I enclose a sketch showing two portions (shaded with pencil) which I definitely wish to hand back to Government. The lower part, shaded with ink, although situated on a more suitable elevation for cardamoms, portions of which are already planted, is mostly devoid of shade suitable for cardamoms. I have planted up patches here where the shade issuitable, and there are still one or two small fairly well shaded portions which can now be utilised, but the rest of the area will have to be thickly planted up with species of quick growing shade before it will be of any use for the cultivation of cardamoms.

What I would propose therefore is this, and I would ask for your kind recommendation to the Government in the matter, that I should be allowed to retain the whole of the area with the exception of the two portions that have proved to be useless (shaded with pencil in this sketch) at an annual rental of one rupee per acre until such time as (a) the upper portion proves to be a success or not and (b) the lower portion is shaded by me sufficiently to permit of the cultivation of cardamoms. I have already paid assessments at the rate of Rs.2-8-0 per acre on the 184 acres for 4 years, although only between 80 and 100 acres have been planted up, and the planted area has as yet

* marked A in Sketch

given me no crop, and may prove to be at an elevation too high for the cultivation of cardamoms on a paying basis.

In regard to the lower portion which requires shade I consider that 6 years would be required before shade, that I would plant in the early rains of 1934, would be of a height suitable for the growth of cardamoms.

In suitable areas a return should be obtained from the cultivation of cardamoms after the third year; conditions for the cultivation of cardamoms in the lower part of this area are definitely good if shade was thickly planted, and I should like to retain the land on these terms. I guarantee of course that nothing but cardamoms will be cultivated in this area.

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Leases - Cardamom cultivation - Mr.R.C.Morris - Assessment - reduction - Relinquishment - portion.

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Ref. No.2813/34.D1.

*Station* Chepauk, Madras , *Dated the* 20th April 1934. 19

From (Name) A. Wimbush Esquire, I.F.S.,
(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
DEVELOPMENT Department.

Sir,

Ref: Government Endorsement No.1006 I/34-1 dated 7th April 1934.

The rent was fixed after full consideration and there is no case for reduction unless Government wish deliberately to change the terms of the lease in Mr. Morris' favour.

2. As regards relinquishment of part of the area, I agree with the District Forest Officer. Government should not take back the small portion shaded in pencil surrounded on three sides by land to be retained.

DESPATCHED 24 APR 1934

for Chief Conservator.

of the lease in Mr. Morris' favour.
In the circumstances the Govt may
negative the request of Mr. Morris
in this respect also.

RC 11534

Subject to orders a draft order is
submitted for approval. ~~Accordingly~~

~~RC~~ 11534 ~~Sir~~ ~~8.5.34~~

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Draft circular

H.M.C. 4 Draft approved
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READ *ALSO*:—

No. Loc 6 From the Collr of Coimbatore No. 3847/33, dated 26-3-1934. Ans 1-2-35

" 134.5 C.C.J Endt 606-1/84 " 3-7-1934 Ans 2-8-35

" Dis C.C.J. 2813/34 D1 20-4 1934. Ans 5-8-35

Order Ms. No. 669, dated 08. 5. 1935.

~~Resolution~~ Rout.

The Collector of Coimbatore is informed that Govt have no objection to Mr R.C. Morris relinquishing that portion of the land ~~in the~~ western portion shaded in pencil in the sketch submitted by him with ~~his~~ letter ~~reference~~ read above, on the express understanding that ~~Mr R.C. Morris~~ he (Mr Morris) bears the cost of survey and demarcation.

2. The Govt are unable to comply with the other requests of Mr Morris.

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17.5.35

Spl. Clerk Speech.
Attr. 21/5/35.

To
The C.C.J
The Collr of Coimbatore
(With Sketch retd)

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